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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to methods of screening for modulators, of G-protein coupled receptor signal transduction activity, and methods for screening for mutant RDGC phosphatases associated with G-protein coupled receptor signal transduction disease.

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